

The balanced budget amendment, the line-item veto, and unfunded mandates reform are all geared toward making the Federal Government a servant of the American people and not a millstone around their necks.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are committed to bringing real change to Washington, the type the American people voted for last November. We have kept our promise for the first 50 days and we will keep it for the next 50 days.

#### TALK ABOUT PORK

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, every American who cares about pork—and believes my colleagues' claims that we have a new Congress that is putting America on a pork-free diet—should pay close attention to the debate about defense spending today.

You will learn that my friends on the other side of the aisle have not stopped the pork from sizzling, they have simply put a new name on the menu. You see, the bill we are considering adds more than \$600 million to our deficit.

Why? Largely because my Republican colleagues have tacked on close to a billion dollars in spending that the Secretary of Defense does not even want.

But of course, my friends, that billion is not pork.

You see, in the Republican restaurant, investment in job training, or building new schools—now that is pork. So today, my colleagues will work to eliminate \$300 million to train our kids for better jobs and help them learn in decent schools.

Think about those priorities the next time you hear one of my colleagues talk about pork. Remember, it is not the size of the spending. It is where it is spent that makes them squeal.

#### PASS THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, 50 days ago, Congress started a revolution to change business as usual. We made a pledge with the American people to make Government smaller, less expensive, and less intrusive. We have worked hard to deliver on this promise.

Congress has become more accountable than ever before, has started to re-

ment. These businesses must hire additional lawyers to fill out the paperwork, which in turn denies the employer from hiring additional workers to produce the company's product or service.

The Government is a regulatory mess. Let us continue the bipartisan spirit this Congress has formed and pass the Paperwork Reduction Act to help the small businesses of America.

#### THE FIRST 50 DAYS OF THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. SERRANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, the 50th day of the mean-spirited, reactionary, insensitive, indifferent, right wing, extremist, antipoor, antichildren, Constitution bashing, bordering on racist, contract on America is now before us.

If we read the fine print we will find out what the Republicans want to give the American people: Orphanages for poor children, no lunch for poor children, abolish prenatal care for women, deny our communities of police officers, allow Government agents to break into our homes without a search warrant.

By dishonestly claiming to balance the budget, destroy the Social Security and Medicare programs, the elephants have been very busy in the first 50 days.

God help you if you are poor, a minority, or the Constitution. The elephants are going to stomp all over you in the next 50 days.

#### CORPS OF ENGINEERS VERSUS OSHA

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, a contractor in Kansas City was laying pipe for the Army Corps of Engineers when brackish, green water seeped into the cut. The corps tested the water and told the contractor that there was no health risk—get on with the job.

Three months later, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration fined the contractor for failing to protect his employees.

As the employer commented, "You had one Government agency [telling us] the material was not hazardous and that we were to proceed, and another agency citing us for exposing workers to an alleged hazardous material."

#### FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF CONGRESS, NOT THE WHITE HOUSE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Constitution says only Congress can draw money from the Treasury. It also says only Congress can coin money, regulate the value thereof and regulate the value of foreign money. Only Congress, the Constitution says, can regulate commerce with foreign nations.

The question I ask, Congress, is under what authority did Robert Rubin sign an agreement to bail out Mexico? To me it is unbelievable.

Now, the Washington Times reported that our bailout is going to bail out the Mexican banks and Mexican companies. Ladies and gentlemen, we are bailing out Mexican banks, we are putting our banks on the line here and our taxpayers in the fire.

I disagree with this. I think the Federal Reserve Board is subject to the jurisdiction of Congress, not the White House. It is time for a constitutional court case to determine that.

I plan to challenge the bailout in court.

#### AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE BORN DISADVANTAGED

(Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, children who have an inheritance of property or money are born with an advantage. Studies have shown that children with parents who have a college education are born with an advantage. Both have an advantage over those who have no inheritance or college-educated parents.

For numerous reasons, African-Americans fall into the latter category most frequently. Mr. Speaker, these advantages are good because families have earned these advantages. We all want our children to have these advantages in our competitive society. The question is, Mr. Speaker, do we want to help those less fortunate?

Mr. Speaker, we must remember that, like a chain, our Nation is as strong as our weakest link.